

REMARKS

Claims 5, 7 and 16-23 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Applicants are respectfully requesting herewith reinstatement of withdrawn Claim 5 on the grounds that new independent Claim 24 is a sub-generic claim reading onto the elected species of Figure 3 and sub-species of Figure 5 and is allowable over the art of record. Claim 5 reads onto Figure 3. Accordingly, Claims 24, 2-6 and 8-15 are presented herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

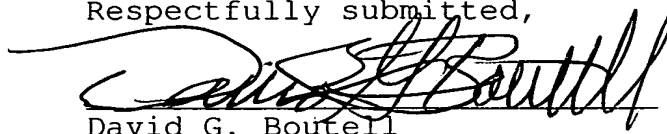
Claims 1, 7 and 16-23 have been cancelled. However, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications pertaining thereto.

The Examiner's objection to Claim 4 is not understood. Amendment has been made to Claims 6, 8 and 9 in order to cure the objections believed to have been raised by the Examiner.

Turning now to the Examiner's rejection of the claims based on Title 35 USC 102, newly submitted independent Claim 24, from which all of the remaining dependent claims now depend, sets forth structure that more clearly defines the invention and distinguishes the invention from the prior art. More specifically, Claim 24 recites a pair of projections (15) extending continuously and coextensively with the primary groove and project toward one another from a respective root of a mutually adjacent fin and terminate at a first measured distance (A-B) from one another so as to define a gap therebetween. Furthermore, Claim 24 recites a relationship between the first measured distance (A-B) and a second measured distance (P-Q) which is continuously maintained throughout the length of the primary groove. None of these features is taught or even remotely suggested in the Examiner's art of record.

Accordingly, further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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